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PATENT APPLICATION

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For: ION CHROMATOGRAPHY SYSTEM FOR EXCHANGING AN ION EXCHANGER IN
A SUPPRESSOR AND A SUPPRESSOR MEANS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 25, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Amended) An ion chromatography system comprising:
- a separating mechanism;
 - a suppressor mechanism coupled to the separating mechanism, the suppressor mechanism adapted to receive an eluted liquid from the separating mechanism, the suppressor mechanism having a main body in which an ion exchanger is provided to reduce the electric conductivity of the eluted liquid from the separating mechanism; and